

other message, which we issued immediately.

"It must be remembered that he waited until he obtained absolute and accurate information of our losses, and we believe that it is better to be a little late with the truth than to make claims which one is obliged to forfeit later. I desire to call attention to the difference between the first glowing German communiqués and the later more sober statements in the Reichstag."

Asked if there was any evidence that 17 inch guns were used, he answered:

"There were no surprises. They had no more than we knew they had. I desire to say in conclusion that whatever the German purpose in coming out, they failed to accomplish it, but turned and were driven back to port."

One of the questions which the close range is said to have given the Germans was the ability to use the secondary batteries of their battleships, which had the British battle cruisers been able to engage their opponents at the range for which they were intended, would have been useless.

German Fleet Engaged.

The number of vessels engaged on each side is not yet known with any definiteness. The despatches from Berlin indicate that the full fighting strength of the German high seas fleet was present. On the British side it is known that the combatants included the battle cruiser squadron, armored cruisers, light cruisers and a flotilla of destroyers. Four battleships took part in the engagement, but at what time these entered the fighting is not yet clear, whether they were in immediate support of the battle cruisers or came up only toward the finish of the main battle.

Unofficial information obtained from an Admiralty official today was to the effect that Vice-Admiral Beatty had reported that a German battle cruiser blew up early in the engagement and broke in two. Another report from the fleet was that a German battle cruiser was left behind by the British battle cruisers, pursued by the Germans, closely engaged with other units of the British fleet, and that when the battle cruisers returned this vessel had disappeared. Other reports received by the Admiralty, but not yet verified, tell of the sinking of four German light cruisers.

Capt. Sowerby Lost.

Capt. J. Sowerby, former British flag captain, went down with his superior, Capt. Sowerby, former British Naval Attaché at Washington, was lost with the Indefatigable, and Capt. Prowse was lost with the Queen Mary.

The British fleet engaged, it was said today, was refitted, reloaded and ready for action in a matter of hours after its return to port with the exception of the Marlborough, which was struck by a torpedo.

One report current today was that the Germans had lost heavily in despatches through the strategy of the British command, who, finding that the Germans in retreating were using the water behind them with floating mines, drove a number of German destroyers into this newly created mine field.

In the course of a statement made today, Capt. William Hall, chief of the intelligence division of the Admiralty, said:

"The German report that the entire British fleet was engaged is untrue. A portion of the British fleet, much inferior to the total battle fleet of the Germans, engaged that fleet and drove it back into the North Sea. The British control the North Sea."

NO INVASION TALK.

German Press Doesn't Predict Further Naval Aggression.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

Berlin, June 3.—The German newspapers, while praising the bravery and determination of the German navy forces which resulted in the victory, are silent concerning its effect on the control of the North Sea. None claim greater gains from the victory than a weakening of the British fleet. No intimation is made concerning further aggression on the part of the German fleet or the possible invasion of England.

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GERMAN AND BRITISH LOSSES IN BATTLE AS REPORTED UP TO DATE

ADMITTED BRITISH LOSSES.

	Guns.	Men.	Tonnage.
Battle cruiser Queen Mary.....	8 13.5 in.	1,000	27,000
Battle cruiser Indefatigable.....	8 12 in.	790	18,750
Battle cruiser Invincible.....	8 12 in.	780	17,250
Armored cruiser Defence.....	4 9.2 in.	850	14,600
Armored cruiser Warrior.....	4 9.2 in.	850	14,600
Armored cruiser Black Prince.....	6 9.2 in.	704	13,550
Armored cruiser Hood.....	6 9.2 in.	704	13,550
Destroyer Fortune.....	3 4 in.	?	950
Destroyer Arden.....	3 4 in.	?	950
Destroyer Sparrowhawk.....	3 4 in.	?	950
Destroyer Shark.....	3 4 in.	?	950
Destroyer Tipperary.....	3 4 in.	?	950
Destroyer Turbulent.....	3 4 in.	?	950
Destroyer Nomad.....	3 4 in.	?	950
Destroyer Nestor.....	3 4 in.	?	950

ADMITTED GERMAN LOSSES.

	Guns.	Men.	Tonnage.
Battleship Pommern.....	4 12 in.	741	13,000
Protected cruiser Frauenlob.....	10 4.1 in.	281	9,700
Protected cruiser Wiesbaden.....	10 4.1 in.	281	9,700
Light cruiser Eilbong.....	8 12 in.	1,000	28,000
Five destroyers.....	?	?	?

REPORTED SUNK BY GERMANS.

	Guns.	Men.	Tonnage.
Superdreadnought Warspite.....	8 15 in.	1,000	27,500
Two armored cruisers—Achilles type.	?	?	?
One unarmored cruiser. Not identified.	?	?	?
Destroyer Alcaster.....	?	?	?
Two additional destroyers.....	?	?	?
One submarine.....	?	?	?

REPORTED SUNK BY BRITISH.

	Guns.	Men.	Tonnage.
Dreadnought, Kaiser class.....	10 12 in.	1,088	24,300
Battleship Westfalen.....	12 11 in.	961	18,000
Battleship Derfflinger or Lutow.....	8 12 in.	1,000	28,000
One additional destroyer.....	?	?	?
One submarine.....	?	?	?

Note—Dreadnought Kaiser class said by the British to have been sunk may be new dreadnought Hindenburg, rumored lost.

FIGHT SHOWED VALUE OF BATTLESHIP, DEWEY SAYS

Superiority Strikingly Demonstrated in North Sea Fight—Lessons for U. S. Navy—Sigsbee Comments on Part Played by Torpedoes.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Admiral Dewey, president of the General Naval Board, is keenly interested in the news of the German and British clash in the North Sea. He was at his office early this morning as usual, waiting additional details which may have a far reaching effect on the modern naval policy of all the powers.

"In the absence of further reliable information," said Admiral Dewey, "one must guard against forming definite opinions, so far one can only judge by the meagre accounts, but both the British and German Admiralties have made very frank statements."

"There are indications that the battle cruisers were unable to give and take like the battleships that opposed them and suffered heavily because of their comparatively thin armor protection. This is, of course, based on the assumption that the battle cruisers were sunk by gunfire."

"Torpedo boat destroyers appear to have operated in the daytime as well as at night, which is a departure from the tactics employed by these vessels in the past of any kind of night or darkness. These destroyers, or 'hunters' have generally used the cover of darkness to carry on their work."

"We, of course, endeavor to profit by every lesson that can be conveyed to the United States navy by the North Sea fight. The General Board has recommended battleships as well as battle cruisers for this year's secret model program and there is no secret made of the fact that we still hope to see two battleships in the navy bill before it is passed by the Senate."

"The battleship, which can give and take and stand up and fight, is now and always has been the main bulwark of our naval strength and the main strength of any navy. I hear the opinion already expressed that the North Sea fight demonstrates this."

"It is recalled for example that the battle cruiser Queen Mary, running North Sea fight months ago, had to go out of action after she began to be hit. She had great hitting power and great speed, but comparatively little resisting power. This was necessarily so, as in battle cruisers armor is sacrificed to speed."

"I am, of course, eagerly awaiting detailed information which will show what sank the British cruisers, how the opposing fleets were made up, etc."

"We have no battle cruisers and I believe that the United States navy would be a welcome addition to the navy, but I hope to see battleships provided for at the same time. Two battleships and one cruiser are a great deal more than a single battleship and one cruiser, and I hope to see battleships provided for at the same time. Two battleships and one cruiser are a great deal more than a single battleship and one cruiser, and I hope to see battleships provided for at the same time."

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The responsible families of America have White Rock water on their tables

CHURCHILL CALLS STILL CONTROL SEA, IS BRITISH CLAIM

Sees Security for England in Battered Condition of German Fleet. English Papers Say Naval Power of the Empire Is Unshaken.

NO TEUTON SURPRISES URGE FISHER'S RETURN

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, June 3.—Winston Churchill gave out the following statement this evening about the North Sea battle:

"I have had the opportunity of examining the reports of the Admiralty. Considering the information in possession of the Admiralty the following facts seem to be established:

"The naval supremacy of the British fleet in capital ships depends upon the superdreadnoughts armed with 13.5 and 15 inch guns, and these are sufficient in themselves to maintain control of the sea."

"Of these vital units of the first rank we only lost one, the Queen Mary. There appears to be no doubt that the Germans lost at least one comparable ship; if this be the Lutow or Derfflinger the vessel is a heavier loss to them actually and relatively than the Queen Mary is to us."

"Coming to vessels of the second order we lost the Indefatigable and the Invincible. These are an entirely different class from the superdreadnoughts, and valuable vessels as they are they do not rank as primary units. A dreadnought battleship of the Westfalen type would be a loss comparable to either of these."

"The armored cruisers Black Prince, Defence and Warrior belong to the third order of ships, in which we possess a decided superiority. In fact, the British fleet has a heavier loss to them actually and relatively than the Queen Mary is to us."

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ZEPPELINS GUIDED GERMAN SHIPS' FIRE

Laid Trap for British and Wirelessly Own Fleet, T. R. MacMechen Says.

INVISIBILITY WON FIGHT

German Zeppelins, lying unseen high in the sky over the North Sea, directed the naval battle of last week as a matter would play a game of chess. By wireless they maneuvered the German battleships, keeping them just out of sight of the British dreadnoughts. They laid the trap that led a detachment of the British squadron to detach itself from the main fleet, and then sent the German vessels by a route that would cut the enemy off. Finally, from the clouds they directed their countrymen's fire in such a way that the German gunners, although they could not see the British ships, inflicted terrific damage, while the enemy, unseen from the sky, fought an unseen foe.

This is the interpretation placed upon the North Sea engagement by T. R. MacMechen, former president of the Aeronautical Society of America, a man who has studied Zeppelins and the German methods of using them since their invention. He spent seven years in Germany and for the past year, until six months ago, was in England. There he learned from British navy officers what he calls the dread feat of the Zeppelins.

"The battle of the North Sea last week was engineered by Zeppelins," he said last night. "Any one familiar with the subject can tell that by studying the reports sent from Germany as they are, I know from the confidences of British officers that just such a thing has been done. That the British fleet has taken no damage is due to its keeping intact. The German fleet has been, as it was declared years before the war, to 'whittle down the British fleet.'"

"It is a perfectly legitimate rule of war to defeat a stronger enemy by meeting it in detail. Thus the Germans, with their Zeppelins, kept out of sight of the British. Zeppelins at 4,000 feet have a range of view of ninety miles, or the steaming radius of the fastest cruiser in four hours. The Zeppelins kept the German fleet well out of sight of the British, then directed their fire at the enemy, then directed the fighting. That is what the British mean by low visibility."

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